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# Birch Official Claims CIA Is Russian Arm

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A national board member of the rightwing conservative John Birch Society says evidence indicates the Central Intelligence Agency is a branch of the Soviet secret police.



OLIVER

He is Dr. Reville P. Oliver, professor of classics at the University of Illinois, Urbana, who spoke at a George Washington Day dinner Thursday night in the Shamrock Hilton Hotel.

Rev. T. Robert Ingram, rector of St. Thomas Episcopal Church, received the good citizenship gold medal of the Paul Carrington chapter, Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution.

## Too Strong

"Aroused American patriots are too strong to be destroyed by anything but ourselves," said Oliver, a native Texan.

"Efforts to divide us and dastardly attacks on Robert Welch (Birch Society founder) are panic-stricken efforts of scared vermin," he said.

The audience warmly applauded when he said he was glad to be in Houston "among many fine patriotic organizations and many chapters of the John Birch Society."

## "Three Enemies"

He said the United States has three great internal enemies:

1. The "great Communist apparatus in Washington, par-



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REV. T. ROBERT INGRAM GETS GOOD CITIZENSHIP MEDAL  
Mrs. Ingram Watches Presentation by Horace Kitchell, S.A.R. National President General

ticularly in the State and Defense departments."

2. "The extensive but not complete Communist control of press and other news media."

3. "Liberal intellectuals."

Communist influence with news media is the "greatest single factor" against the United States," said Oliver, who charged that this "control" helped destroy that great American, Sen. Joseph McCarthy.

"The control is far from complete, for Texas has many fine newspapers and radio stations," he said.

Liberal intellectuals have antagonism toward their country, their race and western civilization, Oliver said.

"A gang of traitors has operated in the Department of Defense many years, but most officers and men are loyal to the Constitution," Oliver said.